their wrves, with, divers otter inconveniences Likewise much harm is wrought *by* all paintings and colourings made of iron, brass, lead, tin, ceruse (or white lead), camphire, juice of lemons, plume-alum, saltpeter, vitriol, and all manner of salts Where- fore if there be no remedy but "women will be meddling witn tins art ol polishing, let them instead use such safe helps of beauty as these cheerfulness and contentment, healtn, honesty, and wisdom, for e\en a hard favoured and brown woman being meny, pleasant and jocund vvillseern sufficient beautiful

6 THE COMEDY OF MTJCEDORUS "

A play called *A most pleasant comedy oj Mucedorus, the Kir/s son of Valentin, and Amadine, the Kings daughter of Aragon*$_y$ *ynth the merry conceits of Mouse* Herein ^s shown how Muce- dorus being in disguise saved Amadine both from a bear and a man and in the end wedded her.

* SPECULUM

Mr John Norden continueth his Survey of England and hath now a further part of *Speculum*Britanni&* in the description of Hertfordshire, noting as in the former books the fairs, markets and great houses, and also an alphabetical table of the towns, parishes and hamlets, together with a map of the county Mr Norden much complameth that he was drawn unto this work by honourable Councillors and promised sufficient allowance, and herein he hath spent above a thousand marts and fi\ e years" time

A BOOK OF RIDDLES

A book called *The Riddles of Hctaclitus and Democntus,* whereof this is the 47th

The Miller and the Miller's wife,
That they might merry make,
Were set down with a dish of fnut,
A cake and half a cake,

The parson of the town with them,
His sister and no more
Now have you heard of all the guests
And of their bread the store ;
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